

Information received about the Auckland Council Sports Field Capacity Development Programme

The Sports Field Capacity Development (SFCD) Programme will deliver \$85 million worth of sports field improvements across the region over the next ten years.

The programme which has been endorsed by the majority of local boards, and all of the local boards in the central area, has been based on supply and demand studies. These studies divided the region up into 63 analysis areas and measured demand (based on residential address of user rather than location of club) against supply of sports fields within that analysis area. Supply shortfalls were identified and investment of the \$85 million planned so that 80% of 2022 demand was met within each analyses area.

Because it has not been possible to provide the required capacity to meet projected shortfall within all analysis or ward areas within central Auckland, the central east and west have been treated as two catchment areas. Within these two catchments officers have worked to ensure that not only is the investment equitable but also to ensure that the best outcome for increased training hours is achieved. This approach means that all catchment areas will receive the same level of provision as the programme is rolled out and that the investment will generate the maximum outcome in terms of increased capacity.

The supply and demand study used population growth estimates generated by the 2011 Auckland Growth Model and which did not factor in the impacts that proposed plan changes around intensification may have. However, trying to predict in 2012 the impacts intensification will have on population growth over the next ten years remains a huge challenge because:

- The unitary plan is unlikely to be operative before 2015-2016
- The unitary plan growth areas may not mirror exactly those identified in the Auckland Plan
- The unitary plan will enable/allow for growth but will not dictate where growth occurs.

A major review of the SFCD programme will be undertaken after four or five years (ie 2016/17). This ties in well with unitary plan developments and provides us with an opportunity for assessing the impacts that plan changes may have on population growth. Significant changes to population growth models and the potential for inequitable provision of sportsfields delivered through the SFCD programme will be checked at this stage along with any need for changes to the programme.

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